



Gallaudet's secretaries were honored with a luncheon in Hughes Gym April 25 to celebrate National Secretaries' Week. From left are secretaries Barbara Williams, Linda Barries, and Joyce McPherson, members of the organizing committee; and Denise Sullivan, director of Human Resources.

## Special exhibit answers questions about Holocaust

Within the next 30 years, people who witnessed the Holocaust in Eastern Europe, and lived to tell the story, will no longer be around to share their experiences. How do people today relate to the significance of the extermination of more than 6 million European Jews and disabled people by the Nazis? How can the lessons be kept alive to ensure that persecution of this magnitude never happens again?

These questions, posed recently by Marla Petal, were answered in part by the exhibit she brought with her to Gallaudet: "In Der Nacht: Visions of Deaf Survivors of the Holocaust." The exhibit, developed by Petal and Michelle Baron, is on display in Chapel Hall through mid-May, when it will move to the Senate rotunda.

"In Der Nacht" traces the lives of two deaf people, Rose and Max Feld, during the 1930s and 1940s. It presents research by German Horst Biesold documenting the sterilization and persecution of deaf Germans. It also features works by two deaf artists: David Bloch, a survivor of the Dachau concentration camp; and Morris Broderson, who has produced numerous works on Anne Frank.

Petal, Baron, Bloch, Biesold, and Rose Feld Rosman came to Gallaudet for the opening of the exhibit on April 25 and to share their experiences in lectures and workshops held during the exhibit's first week here.

During an April 25 workshop on art and the Holocaust, Bloch, who has done more than 60 woodcuts, oils, and other works filled with images of concentration camps and the Holocaust, explained why and how survivors paint. Color slides of his work and an interview by Debbie Sonnenstrahl, associate professor of art at Gallaudet, were a part of the presentation.

While at Gallaudet, Biesold, a former teacher of deaf students in Germany,

explained how he began his research. At a gathering 10 years ago, he realized that many of the people in the deaf community did not have children. When he questioned a friend about it, said Biesold, "he looked anxious, sad. He took me into a separate room and made two signs to me that I didn't recognize. I said, 'What's that?' And he said, 'Sterilized by force.' I was astonished because I'd never heard of that before. That was the beginning of my work."

During his years of research, often hampered by a reluctance on the part of teachers to share information, Biesold discovered that at least 17,000 deaf Germans had been sterilized and another 1,600 murdered.

His deaf friends, he said, were reluctant to tell anyone about being sterilized for two reasons: "First, the Nazi government told them, 'You don't speak to anyone. If you want to speak about

## Commencement slated for May 14

About 270 Gallaudet graduates will receive diplomas during the University's 119th Commencement on Saturday, May 14.

Commencement exercises are scheduled to begin in the Field House at 10:30 a.m. People are requested to be in their seats by 10:10, and the procession will begin at 10:20.

This year's commencement speaker is Dr. John Slaughter, chancellor of the University of Maryland, College Park campus. Slaughter has accepted a new position as president of Occidental College in Los Angeles.

Three honorary degrees will be awarded during the ceremonies. Jack Gannon, executive director for Alumni Relations and Advancement, and Bernard Bragg, Gallaudet artist-in-residence, will receive doctor of humane

letters degrees. Sign language expert William Stokoe, who will be considered by the Board of Trustees at its May meeting for the honor of professor emeritus, will receive a doctor of letters degree.

A hooding ceremony for graduate students will be held Friday, May 13, at 2 p.m. in Elstad Auditorium. Academic departments will also give awards to recognize outstanding students at the ceremony.

On the morning of commencement, a traditional continental breakfast will be served to students, families, faculty, and staff. Breakfast tickets are available through deans or members of Central Administration.

For the first time this year, a campus-wide reception on Gallaudet's mall will follow commencement ceremonies. All graduates, families, friends, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.

## Deaf membership studied by board

Gallaudet's Board of Trustees recently established a task force on the composition of the board designed to study ways of increasing deaf membership of the group.

The task force, composed of board members, is being chaired by Dr. Robert Sanderson. Other members are Dr. Frank Sullivan, Dr. Harvey Corson, the Hon. Thomas Jackson, and Alexander Patterson. Board Chairman Philip Bravin will serve as a member ex officio.

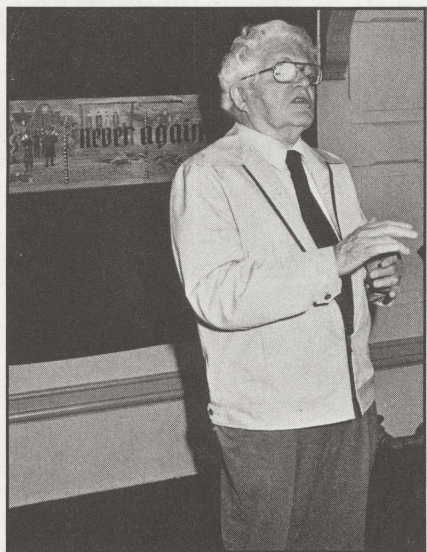
## 'Deaf President Now' exhibit set

A special exhibit about the Deaf President Now protest held the week of March 6 to 13 will open soon in the Ely Center multi-purpose room. The exhibit, sponsored by the Deaf President Now Council, is planned for May 8 through 22.

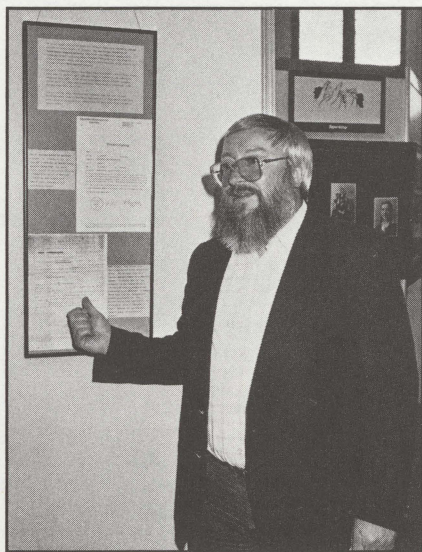
The Gallaudet University Archives is asking for contributions of materials related to the historic week. Some of the materials will be used in the exhibit, and some will become part of the archives collection.

The archives is seeking photographs, posters, signs, newspaper articles, T-shirts, minutes from meetings, buttons, and handouts related to the Deaf President Now protest.

Contributions can be brought to the archives area in the Merrill Learning Center, Room LW 70, or to Hillel Goldberg at the Ely Center information desk, by May 4.



Artist David Bloch, left, stands near one of his works on display in Chapel Hall in the "In Der Nacht" exhibit. At right, Horst Biesold explains a historical paper from his collection ordering the forced sterilization and abortion for a woman in her ninth month of pregnancy, based on the "Law for the Prevention of Congenitally Diseased Descendants."





## Announcements

"AIDS and Deafness: A Critical Challenge," a national conference sponsored by Gallaudet's National Academy, will be held June 10-12 in Charlotte, N.C. The conference will examine AIDS education, emotional issues, and ethical/legal considerations in policy making. Early registration deadline is May 20. For more information, call x5096.

George Washington University will address the challenges university faculty face through its one-day seminar "The Copyright Challenge: Protecting Intellectual Property in a Multi-media Era" on Thursday, May 12, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Seminar topics will include protecting original work, obtaining permission to copy materials for classroom use, and using scholarly publications fairly. Registration is \$25. For more information and interpreting details, call Kellie Jean Boyet at x5505.

Copies of the Commission on Education of the Deaf report to the President and Congress—"Toward Equality: Education of the Deaf"—can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, (202) 275-0564 (V/TDD).

"Language and Hearing Impaired Children: A Symposium for Educators," is the theme of a conference to be held May 13-14 at the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford, Conn. Dr. Carol LaSasso, professor in the Department of Education and director of Gallaudet's annual Reading Clinic, will be a conference speaker. For more information, contact Patricia Kelley Walters at the American School for the Deaf, 139 North Main St., West Hartford, CT 06107, or (203) 727-1409 (V/TDD).

The Kotobuki Kai Dance Company will present a concert of Japanese dance, interpreted into American Sign Language, on May 13 at 8 p.m. and May 14 at 2 and 8 p.m. at the Prince George's Publick Playhouse, 5445 Landover Rd., Hyattsville, Md. For more information, call 277-1711 (V/TDD) or the box office at 277-1710 (V/TDD).



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Desiree Cipriano (left), a student in the Office Systems Program at the Northwest Campus, is congratulated by Assistant Professor Judy Bergan after receiving a \$1,000 scholarship from Science Applications International Corporation for her outstanding work.

## MSSD musical probes drug abuse

"Broken Promises," a musical about the turmoil a young man faces when two people he loves begin destroying themselves with drugs and alcohol, will be presented by MSSD's Performing Arts Department May 12-21.

The script for this original production was developed by Tim McCarty, artistic director of the department, with assistance from lyricist Don Jewler, composer Russell Woolen, and English instructor Eric Malzkuhn, who made the sign language adaptation.

Performance dates are May 12-14

and 18-21 at 8 p.m. and May 13 and 18 at 10 a.m. Additional performances may be scheduled on May 15 and 17.

McCarty developed "Broken Promises" at the request of MSSD students after listening to a number of rock albums in 1986. The album "Vital Signs" by the rock group Survivor provided McCarty with the story line, which presents the question of what peoples' responsibilities are when those they love abuse themselves.

The "Vital Signs" songs, plus additional songs developed by Jewler, will be performed in the musical.

Due to the nature of the musical's theme, the Performing Arts Program will be working with MSSD's student life, counseling, and health programs, and the D.C. Health Department to provide students and audiences with workshops and support groups relating to substance abuse in the family.

The cast for the play features students Mary Slack, Sue Ann Harris, Michelle Bueche, and Tammy Jerrett.

For tickets, call x5466, or write Terry Baird, Box 18, MSSD.

McCarty noted that the best seats are still available for the May 12, 14, and 19 performances.

## Auction scheduled

Gallaudet's Sertoma Club will host an auction of original art on Friday, May 6 in the Alumni House.

A preview of the art begins at 7 p.m., and the auction begins at 8 p.m. Refreshments and a cash bar will be available.

All art work is framed and will be offered below standard gallery prices. A collector's corner will feature works by modern masters.

Tickets for the auction are \$5. For more information, call Peter Goodman, x5353 or Rocco De Vito, x5487 (TDD).

## 'In Der Nacht' recalls Holocaust

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her mother became laborers in her father's fur factory which had been confiscated by the Germans. The women had to sew collars on the winter coats of the SS. They were limited to five needles each day, and the needles broke easily. "Every morning, there was a truck outside the factory," she said. "If people broke five needles, they got sent to a camp."

Rosman also spoke of going into hiding with her family in the French countryside, about 30 miles from Paris, in 1942. Leaving her young daughter, Esther, in the care of someone she had hired, she hid in three different places before finally settling in the basement of an old house for nine months.

"We were able to see only by candlelight," she remembered. "It was always dark. I never knew what year it was, or the month, or the day, or the time."

Occasionally her daughter was brought for a visit. "If my baby was asleep, it was okay, but if she woke up and cried, they would have to take her away," she said. "I missed my baby so much."

Today, her daughter lives near San Diego. "I visit her every month," said Rosman. She also has two grandsons, ages 18 and 22.

Rosman noted that coming to openings of the exhibit and sharing her experiences was difficult, but she feels it is important to help people understand what happened. "We must be careful to prevent that happening again," she said.

She pointed to an oil by David Bloch, showing a scene from a concentration camp with two words written starkly across the canvas in heavy black paint. "No," she echoed. "Never again."

## 'Mosaic' episode highlights protest

A special half-hour episode of "Deaf Mosaic" about the Deaf President Now movement and events of the week of March 6-13 will be shown on Gallaudet Cable Channel 33 beginning May 2.

The program, which includes an interview with President King Jordan, will be shown continuously throughout the day for about two weeks.

In addition, the "Deaf Mosaic" special on AIDS will air on the Discovery Channel May 4 at 3:30 p.m., May 5 at 10:30 a.m., and May 8 at 1:30 p.m.

"Deaf Mosaic," produced by Gallaudet's Department of TV, Film, and Photography, airs on public television stations and the Discovery Channel throughout the country.

## Tax shelters are topic of seminar

As employees of a nonprofit, tax exempt organization, Gallaudet faculty and staff are eligible to direct a portion of their salaries, before taxes, to a variety of investment accounts.

The money invested in Tax Sheltered Annuities (TSAs) or Tax Sheltered Investments (TSIs) can be used as savings or for retirement benefits.

Representatives of the various investments will discuss their plans at an information fair on Thursday, May 5, in the Ely Center multipurpose room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. TSAs and TSIs are available with New York Life, TIAA/CREF, VALIC, Mutual of New York, Security First Group, First Investors Corporation, Fidelity Group, Integrated Resources, and Dondero & Associates.

Participation in the tax shelter program is open to all regular status faculty and staff and to all full-time extended temporary employees with more than one year of service.

For additional information or to get a comparison guide and list of plan representatives, call Kayt Lewis, x5111.

## Classified Ads

**WANTED:** House sitter(s), approx. June 15-July 5, comfortable house w/all conveniences inc. garden and patio, Cheverly, Md., 15 min. to Gallaudet, 1 mile to Metro. Call Mark, x5562 or 772-3288 (TDD).

**FOR SALE:** Graco Neat Seat high chair w/Mickey Mouse chair tray, exc. cond., \$30; Baby Sitter bath ring, \$5. Call x5385, x5526 (TDD), or 773-0881 (V/TDD) after 7 p.m.

**FOR RENT:** Condo across from Ocean City Sheraton Hotel, 500 steps to beach, sleeps 6, TV w/decoder, microwave, pool, health club privileges, close to shopping. Call Agnes, x5200, x5439 (TDD) or 434-6409 (V/TDD) eves.

**FOR SALE:** Barron's Computer Study for the SAT, Sears LXI Series battery pack for Camcorder (2 hrs.). Call Agnes, x5200, x5439 (TDD), or 434-6409 (V/TDD) eves.

**FOR SALE:** Upgraded house in Cheverly, Md., exc. cond. Call Dixie Meadows, 445-5900 (V) or 699-8878 (V) eves.

**WANTED:** Female nonsmoker to share 3-BR apt. in Silver Spring, Md., walk-in closet, carpet, CAC, W/D, pool. Furnished except for BR; near shopping, bus, and Beltway; \$265/mo. plus 1/3 elec.; available May 1. Call Jenny, 434-7280 (V/TDD) after 6 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** Sanyo computer and daisy-wheel printer, manuals, software, extra ribbons, and covers, \$500/BO. Call Kathy, x5226 (TDD) or 397-3318 (TDD) eves.

**WANTED:** Nonsmoking female graduate student/professional to share 3-BR house in Takoma Park, \$275/mo. plus 1/3 util., available May 15. Call Vicki, x5270 or 439-4921 (V/TDD).

**FOR SALE:** Townhouse across from Gallaudet entrance, 3-BR w/1 bath plus basement unit w/2 rooms, 1/2 bath, private entrance, \$74,000. Call or 699-8878 (V) 439-4193.

## Job Openings

**Some of the advertised positions may already be filled.** The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR: Kendall School

AUDIOLOGIST: Kendall School

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I: Office of the President

COMPUTER LEARNING SPECIALIST: School of Preparatory Studies